

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-30. (cancelled)

31. (previously presented) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a composition consisting essentially of an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinesis extract.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising a therapeutic agent.

34. (currently amended) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinesis extract, a therapeutic agent, and ~~The method of claim 33, further comprising~~ a protein kinase C inhibitor.

35. (currently amended) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinesis extract, and ~~The method of claim 33, wherein the therapeutic agent is a~~ microtubule-destabilizing agent.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the coptis chinesis extract and the therapeutic agent are administered in a sequential manner.
37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the subject is treated with coptis chinesis extract first, then a therapeutic agent.
38. (currently amended) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a composition comprising an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinesis extract, and ~~The method of claim 37, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent,~~ wherein the subject is treated with the coptis chinesis extract first, then with the microtubule-destabilizing agent.
- 39-40. (cancelled)
41. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the microtubule-destabilizing agent is a taxol-like nocodazole ~~Taxol®~~-compound.
42. (currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the microtubule-destabilizing agent is a taxol-like nocodazole ~~Taxol®~~-compound.
43. (previously presented) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject a

composition comprising an effective amount of aqueous coptis chinesis extract and a therapeutic agent.

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.
45. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the cancer is breast cancer.
46. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the composition further comprising a protein kinase C inhibitor.
47. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent.
48. (currently amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the microtubule-destabilizing agent is a taxol-like nocodazole ~~Taxol®~~-compound.
49. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the coptis chinesis extract and the therapeutic agent are administered in a sequential manner.
50. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the subject is treated with coptis chinesis extract first, then a therapeutic agent.